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FLEMING'S GEOGRAPHY OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.[1]—This report is of particular interest as giving a résumé of the knowledge recently acquired regarding the physical geography of British Columbia and the interior of British America The map, showing various projected lines of the Canadian Pacific Railway, is a compact presentation of existing knowledge of this region, and is consequently of much use to American students.

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